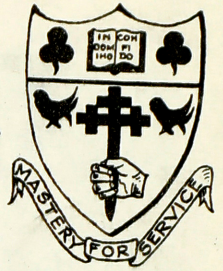




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HUNGARIAN STUDENT TO VISIT MAC

Joseph Molnar, Hungarian refugee, will visit Macdonald College, possibly on Tuesday, April 9th. In all probability, Joe will become an Aggie in the fall of 1958, when he intends to become a registered student at Macdonald College.

He will be escorted around the campus by "R.D." Hamilton, on his visit to Mac, and will complete the visit by being a guest of honour at the Students' Council meeting on that night. Joe has been studying English in Montreal since his arrival in Canada and hopes to know enough by September to enable him to continue his studies in Agriculture, unhindered.

It is interesting to note how much work the students of Mac have put into this task of obtaining a Hungarian student. A great deal of the credit should go to last year's Council and in particular to Bob Smith, Chairman of the Hungarian Relief Fund at Mac.

Almost immediately after the fall of Budapest, the Macdonald Students' Council discussed the possibility of making it possible for one or more Hungarian refugees to continue or begin their studies in Agriculture at Mac. Very little was said further on this matter while those in charge investigated the proper channels for obtaining a student. McGill followed soon after with similar plans, which later grew when they joined with the Dominion wide organization of Universities.

Mac held its Hungarian Relief Drive soon after Christmas, the result of which was \$400.00. In addition the college agreed to waive all fees if a suitable student could be found.

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EDITORIAL

In just a few weeks now, the Class of '57 will be writing their last set of exams, and leaving Macdonald to enter many different careers and occupations.

We will leave with gladness: for we have completed our four years and are now qualified to enter the fields which we have chosen. We will leave with sadness: for we have made many friends and it will be difficult indeed to say goodbye. The many memories that go with us, however, will keep these friendships alive in the years to come. We will leave with gratitude: for Mac has given us many things for which we will forever be in her debt. She has given us a home, a vocation, friendships and training. Can we repay her? That is the question and challenge that now lies before us.

Leaving college is like closing one chapter of our lives and opening another. In the years ahead we must accept greater responsibilities, we must face many ups and downs, and we must be able to fulfil our duties.

It must not be thought, however, that education ends with graduation. Now we have just the basic knowledge - the future will provide the rest to completely develop our minds and characters. It is with these thoughts that we leave and to those who remain behind for another year or two, - take advantage of the many opportunities Mac offers for it is very improbable that ever again will you have the chance to gain so much from one place.

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Meanwhile all ports of entry, into Canada, were being watched carefully for a student who wished to continue his studies-and who would be qualified to enter Mac. At one time plans were nearly realized for the search to be continued in Vienna, with the intent of flying the student to Canada.

But Joseph Molnar came along; a refugee in a strange country with a strange language. Joe expressed his desire to continue his studies at Macdonald but the English language posed too great a barrier. He settled down to conquer this problem and his advance has been such that he found it possible to make formal application for registration in the Fall of '58.

We extend a sincere welcome to Joseph Molnar and trust that all his plans which once were so suddenly shattered may again be realized when he joins the Clan.

P.O. Box 4000,
Macdonald College, Que.,
March 29, 1957.

Editor,
Fait-Ye Times.

Dear Sir:-

In the last two editions of the Fait-Ye Times, letters have appeared concerning the dining hall.

November 1955 saw the formation of the Dining Hall Committee for the purpose of "providing a more direct channel of communication between the students and staff with regards to the dining hall."

Sending letters of complaint to the Fait-Ye Times is not making use of this channel. However, if the writer wishes to make some facts available to the College, The Fait-Ye Times is the medium by which to do it, but if a matter regarding the dining hall needs correction, the proper place for the complaint is The Dining Hall Committee.

However, simply because complaints are not directed to the proper authorities, it should still be the duty of the people concerned to look into the complaint and press for a satisfactory settlement. A complaint still remains valid no matter who it is addressed to.

Yours truly,

Tom Edmonds.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,
Failt-Ye Times.

Sir,

So much attention has been given to the problem of undergraduate failures in the editorials of the last two editions of the "Failt-Ye" that I feel justified in offering some comments of my own.

I shall ignore the latter of the two editorials since it is either a masterpiece of diplomatic fence-sitting or so badly written that its point is completely lost in the complexity of its last paragraph; I suspect that the latter is the case.

With regard to the suggestion in the first editorial which calls for more Faculty supervision and control, let me say that such a policy would defeat the purposes of University education. We are here to be educated, not just to be trained as technicians. A part of that education consists of learning how to work on our own and how to allot our time wisely between work and play. We can not learn to do this unless we make our own decisions; if we make our own decisions it follows that we will sometimes make the wrong ones. A wrong decision is no tragedy if we have learnt something by it! We should not forget that industry will not employ us for very long if it is found that our "education" has made us incapable of working without supervision and that we lack all initiative.

Some students, even ones that have failed the Sophomore year and have had to repeat it, express the opinion that the prime cause of Sophomore failures is to be found in the amount of work required of a Freshman as compared to that required of a Sophomore. The average first year student is able to pass his exams without much work because the course is too easy, he has had most of the courses in high school already. When he enters the second year he is tempted to try the same easy method again i.e. sit back and do no work until the week before exams. Too late he finds out that this system does not work in the Sophomore year!

The solution to this problem seems to lie in making the first year hard enough that the average student has to do enough work to prevent him from becoming lazy. This can be done in two ways: 1. Raise the entrance requirements; do away with introductory courses in science and mathematics; substitute more advanced science and mathematics courses in line with what will be met in the second year; abolish or greatly improve "snap" agriculture courses.

2. Retain the present introductory courses but raise the pass mark to 60% so that the ordinary student can no longer sit back and rely on what he remembers from his high school lessons. Here again the agricultural courses must be dropped or greatly improved to the point where they are no longer "snap" courses whose only use is in boosting one's average.

Unless something is done to make the work requirements of these two years more equal I think that the present rate of failures in the second year is likely to continue indefinitely, and that no amount of supervision will provide any satisfactory remedy.

Sincerely,

R. Roberts.

Macdonald College,
March 29, 1957.

Editor-in-Chief,
Faiit-Ye Times.

Dear Sir,

Since this will be the last issue of the Faiit-Ye Times for this year, I must attempt to answer in this letter not only Miss Pratt, but also those others who have disagreed with the editorial of the Freshman Edition. And such people I am sure there are, for I must confess that I have heard nothing but condemnation for that editorial! But may I remind these antagonists, and Miss Pratt in particular, that it is comparatively easy to condemn suggestions, but it is not so easy to put forward alternatives which might offer a solution to a problem.

For this reason I must take issue with Miss Pratt when she says that this aspect of the problem does not even deserve consideration. I believe that any aspect does at least merit that, if it promotes argument and discussion -- as mine seems to have done.

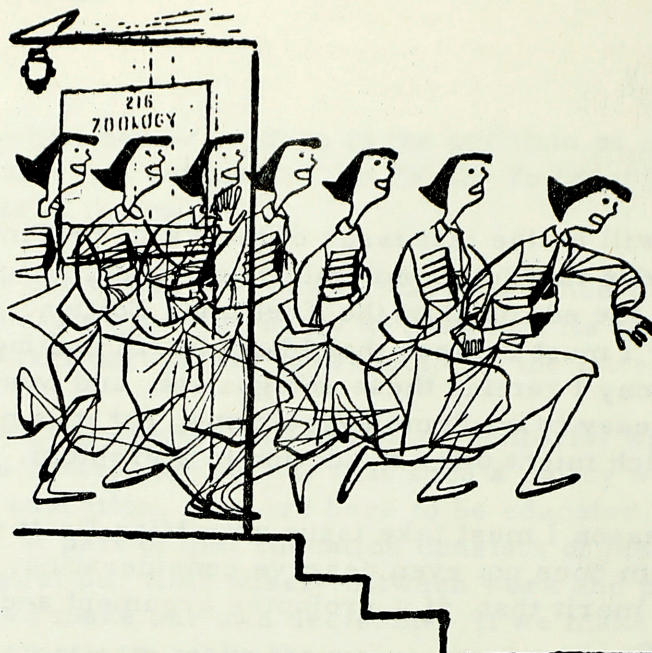
But in any case, why condemn it so utterly? Surely it might have the right effect -- and so far all others seem to have failed. For speak how you will of ideals, of one's "ability to choose right from wrong", of "individual thought and further readiness to accept the adult role in life"; yet the fact remains that, even though every student must realise this himself, still the number of failures and "Christmas graduations" increases every year. Ideals like this are all very well, and should certainly be tried before other methods; but if they fail -- and they certainly seem to have failed so far -- then isn't it time other methods were employed?

Of course, my whole suggestion hinged on the two words "where necessary". Miss Pratt has now reached her final year without having to repeat a single term, and for her and others in the same happy position, obviously, greater enforcement of discipline would be unnecessary. But it is in the case of those who have not managed to pass their exams as regularly that such measures might meet with success. There may rise up one who has failed a year, and who says, "I don't regret a minute of it; and I've gained by the extra experience." But isn't University a place to work at gaining a degree, so that one may leave this slightly unnatural atmosphere and get out into the world outside -- and there start gaining the really valuable experience of life? One can't stay here for ever, however pleasant it is.

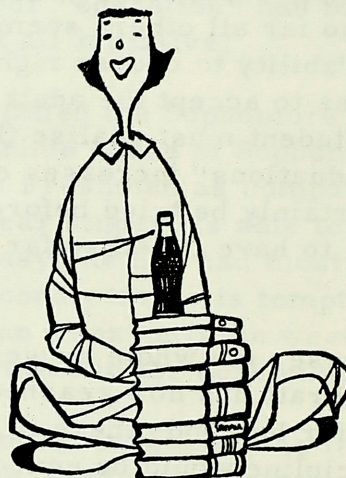
No, I stick to my guns; I believe that my suggestion was, and still is, at least worth consideration. The big laugh will come, of course, when I fail my own exams!

Yours truly,

Michael Carver.



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REPORT OF THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING

STUDENTS' COUNCIL CAN NOW IMPOSE FINES

On the recommendation of the Men's House Committee the new Students' Council, which had its first meeting on Tuesday, decided that all members of the Council, should be ex-officio members of the House Committee. They will now have authority to maintain discipline, especially in the Residence. Three new members will be added to the House committee, in view of the new wing.

STUDENTS' HANDBOOK

The new Council got off to a good start when it made decisions of far reaching importance, in the minimum of time. The matter of the Students' Handbook was discussed. Arising from these deliberations three members were appointed to handle the matter with Earle Dobson in charge; the other two members are Evelyn Kerr and George Beckford.

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Students' Representatives to the War Memorial Committee were appointed as follows:- Keith Roache from Agriculture, Margy Adams from Household Science and Wendy Little from the Teachers. The Post-graduate representative is to be announced.

NO MORE T.V. SETS

On discussing the suggestion that extra T.V. sets be installed in the Residences, the Council decided that this was unnecessary.

STAGE IMPROVEMENT

The amount of \$110. was voted from the Stewart Fund, for the installation of two Rheostats in the Assembly Hall. These "Light Dimmers", as they are sometimes called, will complete the lighting arrangements in the Assembly Hall, that were begun last year.

HUNGARIAN STUDENT

A Hungarian student will visit Macdonald in the near future, prior to his admission to this college in the fall. He is at present undergoing English classes in Montreal. The money that the Hungarian Campaign raised this year will probably be used to help him through.

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OF THIS 'N THAT

The older generation thought nothing of getting up at 6 in the morning. The younger generation don't think much of it either!

In going through life, keep your eyes open and your mouth shut. When eating Grapefruit, reverse the process.

And now among the fading embers, these in the main are our regrets: when we are right, no one remembers, when we are wrong no one forgets.

VIENNA ACADEMY CHORUS HERE ON FRIDAY

The final Community Concert of the season is to be given this Friday, April 5 by the Vienna Academy Chorus conducted by Gunther Theuring.

The group, formed in 1945, consists of 24 carefully selected male and female singers, and in its short life has made its name famous, having taken part in the famed Edinburgh and Salzburg Festivals.

The programme on Friday promises to be very interesting and will fall into three groups. The first consisting of traditional choral music of the baroque and classical periods, the second being a group of Austrian Peasant Dances, Folk songs and Yodeling songs, and the final group will be selections from the famous Viennese repertoire.

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MUSICAL YOUTH OF CANADA

Musical Youth of Canada is the English counterpart of Jeunesses Musicales, an organization founded just before the war in Belgium.

The original avowed intent of Jeunesses Musicales was to arouse musical interest in young people under thirty by a series of commentary-concerts in which music is both performed and discussed.

The first concert at Macdonald College given under the auspices of Jeunesses Musicales took place on Tuesday, March 26 and featured the brilliant young Canadian pianist Ronald Turini who played music in several styles, including those of Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt.

The music was introduced by Gilles Lefebvre, the National Director of the organization in Canada.

The interest shown in this first concert was somewhat disappointing, but it is to be hoped that next year full advantage will be taken of this most unusual opportunity to hear fine artists perform for an extremely low charge, in our own hall.

Congratulations are due to Michael Bristow for the time and energy spent in publicising the concert.

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FLORA AND FAUNA
OF MACDONALD COLLEGE

Specimen the last.

Gormlus Anglicus
or the Green and Gold Warbler

This critical and observant bird began, some time ago, to catalogue the more outstanding specimens of the local flora and fauna; being somewhat short-sighted, however, it failed to realize that its own singular but diverting habits were being noted, and that it would itself appear in its own collection. Of migratory habits, it settled in this jungle four years ago, and is due to migrate again soon.

Appearance and General Characteristics.

This bird has a somewhat sombre appearance, enlivened occasionally by a yellow or green "chest-vest" plumage. It appears to have become well acclimatised to its new surroundings; its docile manner in captivity, however, can be misleading, as may be seen when it comes out of the clouds to feed.

Calls

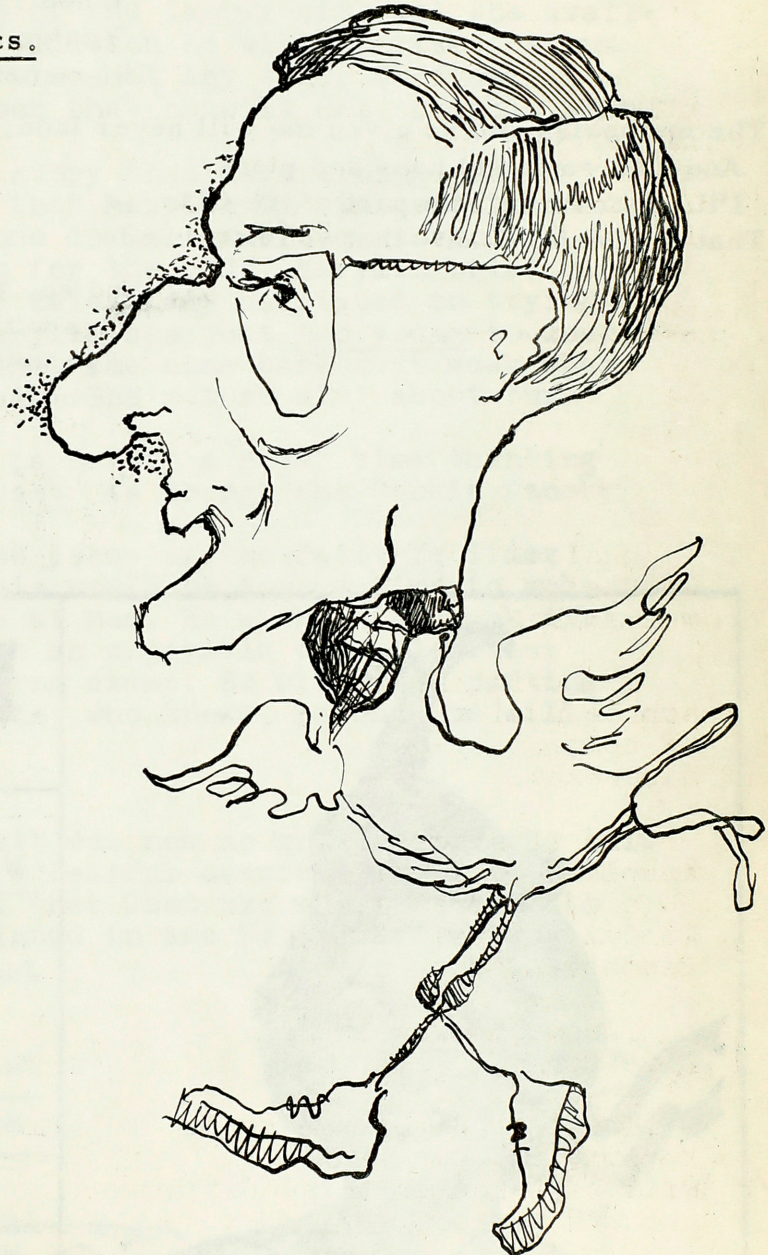
It has one particular call which never fails to amuse the other jungle denizens; this is its cry of "Crumpets! By golly, Crumpets!" It has of late developed a habit of touring the jungle late at night, singing popular songs in an unmelodious voice; from this habit it has gained its name.

Habitat

It shares a nest in the Executive Suite, easily reached from the ground, from which it can observe its fellow inhabitants in privacy. It is whispered over the grapevine that it is planning to make its new nest in a sewage farm, where it will, no doubt, succeed in raising quite a stink.

Occupations and Interests

A member of the Rodents' Council, it has taken over their financial affairs, and, being of a naturally "economic" frame of mind, is said sometimes to count its pennies before they are caught. This odd bird is an early riser, and may be seen, some mornings, clawing a lift to work. It feeds on insects and grubs like the other inhabitants, but does not seem to share the popular taste for ladybirds. Though it sometimes needs drawing out of its shell, as has been done by our artist, this bird will be missed



when it flies away soon.

THOUGHTS ON LEAVING

As I sit and think of four years past
 I wonder how I may repay you, fair College,
 For all the wonders and science and knowledge
 You have given me, my lifetime to last.

Your doors were open, your welcome sincere
 When I came to you, immature and shy.
 You've molded my character and as years go by
 I'll remember how I loved it here.

The memories you've given me will never fade,
 And as I work and hope and plan,
 I'll never forget I'm part of the Clan
 That wonderful Clan - that you have made.

And so, as I leave you Macdonald so fair,
 I go with much gladness and tears and joy;
 I go with a profession - to some a new toy -
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GYM'S GIFT SHOP

"JUST CHADDING"

First of all, Chad has asked me this week to present his humble apologies to Mr. van Loon for not replying to his kind letter sooner. He would like to say that he agrees with Mr. van Loon in that the Stewart Room is indeed an excellent place for 'this much discussed entertainment(?)'. What Chad disagrees with is the common practice of indulging in it at all hours and in public. As Confucius says; "Wash face in morning and neck at night". In addition, Chad would like to say that he will be glad to furnish the gentleman in question with an illustrated map of the Campus with all the available places marked on it and in addition he will furnish the number of couples frequenting this place at any time. In closing, Chad wishes to assure Mr. van Loon that he will not 'stumble over that crowded place again!

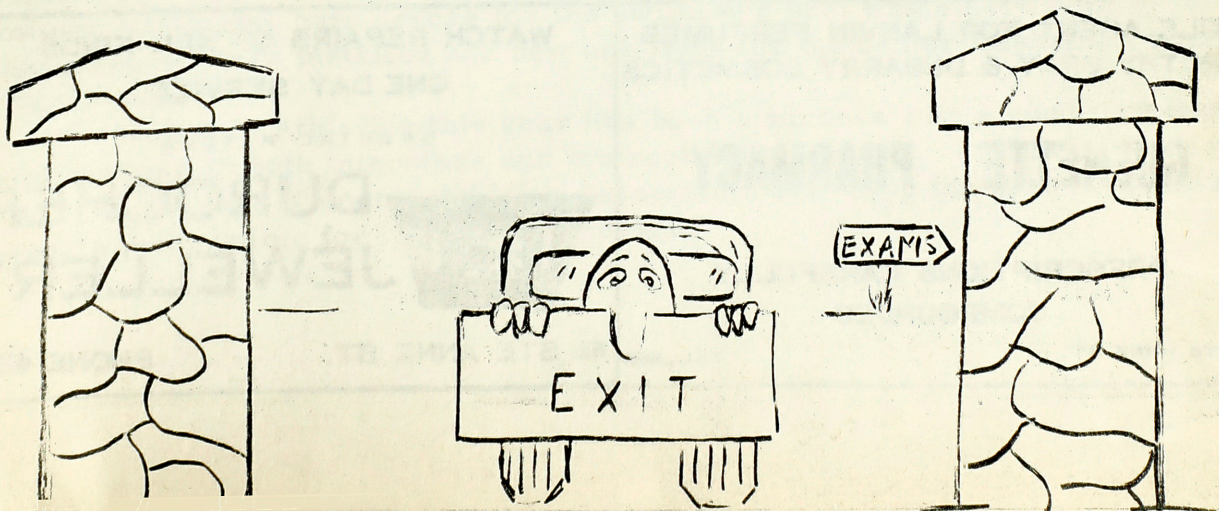
Chad got quite a kick from a story that is drifting around the campus these days. It seems that Marilyn Barrie went into a hat shop in the town of Ste. Anne de Bellevue the other day and Janet Hailstone tagged along for the ride. Marilyn tried her best to try on some hats but the sales lady persisted in trying them on Janet commenting that Marilyn was just too young to wear this type of hat and suggested that she come back next week when the new spring bonnets would be in. The 'mature air' about our Seniors must be slipping!

Chad hears that Sue Peacock is having a great time thinking up new names for George. The latest is Georgicans Cookie Poochy Cupcake Christie. Cute, eh?!

As you know, this is the last issue of the Failt-Ye Times and Chad feels that, perhaps, this would be a good time to make a graceful exit from the affairs at Mac. He wishes to thank all those who have made his stay such an enjoyable one and wishes them the best of luck in the coming exams. So with that parting word, he is off for greener fields; who knows, perhaps he will be back next year!

Eds note;

Unfortunately, Chad's exit was not as graceful as the last paragraph would imply. Chad had a fearful quarrel with his mouth-piece, "R.D." Hamilton. It seems that Chad was unaware that his 'titbits' of news were being printed in the Failt-Ye.



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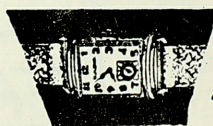
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Sports

WOMEN'S SPORTS

SENIORS LEAD IN SPORTS PARTICIPATION

There were 315 eligible women students for interclass sports at the college this year. The average participation of those eligible was 78%. The seniors had the highest percent of participation with 95% of their class taking part in interclass sports. In second place were the Intermediate teachers with 92% and the Sophomore teachers and Homemakers tied for third place with 88% participation. As far as the individual interclass sports, the swimming marathon had the greatest participation with 250 women students taking part. Other sports were track and field with 117 competitors, basketball with 120, volleyball with 140 and hockey with 100. The over-all participation was good and we hope it will continue to increase in future years.

BASKETBALL - CHIEF INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT

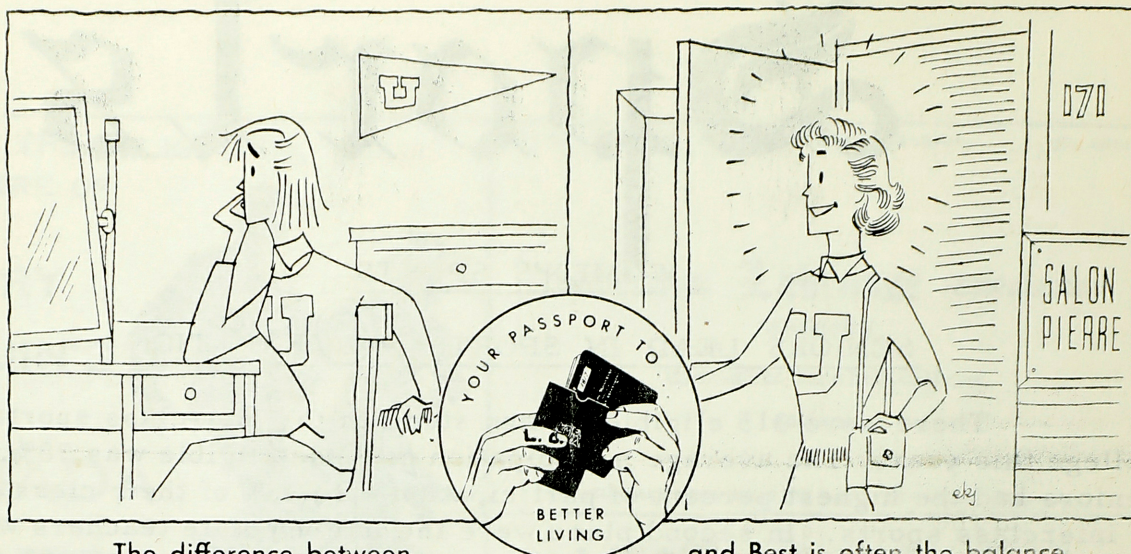
Basketball was the intercollegiate sport in which most students participated, 9.4% of the women students played intercollegiate basketball. Two teams were operated and approximately \$800. was spent on these teams during the basketball season. Soccer had the second highest participation with 7.9% of the women students taking part. Approximately \$264. was spent on soccer this year.

W.A.A. IN THE BLACK

The budget given to the Women's Athletic Association by the Students' Council this year was \$1,733.00. Our treasurer reports that we will be under this budget and will come out in the black.

The Women's Athletic Association is fortunate in having the Mrs. Walter M. Stewart Fund to be used for capital expenditures. \$1,851.00 was spent this year. The largest expenditure was the electric score board for the gymnasium, the cost of which was shared with the Men's Athletic Association. Other expenses were: badminton net poles, hair dryers for the swimming pool which have been ordered but have not yet been installed and new uniforms for the Senior Basketball team and the Cheerleaders.

Women's Athletics this year has been a success with a good percentage of participation in both interclass and intercollegiate sports. At this time we would like to wish the new Women's Athletic Association executive the best of luck with the sports programme for the 1957-58 season.



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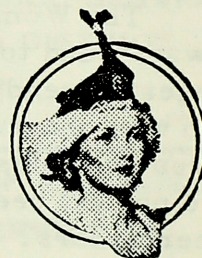
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MEN'S SPORTS

OUR ATHLETIC YEAR IN REVIEW

SOCCER

The climax of the athletic year came with the "Athletic Awards Night" on Thursday, March 21st. The Macdonald Soccer Team received a dazzling array of Major "M's" and bars. Since they won the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Championships, each member of the team received a Major "M". Special praise goes to Evan Joubert who was named "The most valuable player" by his teammates and coach.

FOOTBALL

Macdonald also enjoyed a terrific year in football. Although we lost the Championship in the final game of the season, the Aggies played tremendous football and received a lot of support from the Student body. The team and coach named D'Arcy Little as "Most Valuable Player". Many of this year's players will be returning next year, so we anticipate a great season in the coming Fall.

BASKETBALL

In the Aggies Basketball team, Doug Hicks was named "The most Valuable Player". Doug was a consistent scorer for Mac this season. Although the team did not shine in the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Conference this year, it is hoped that with the possibility of a split League, we will do better in the smaller league next year.

HOCKEY

On the ice we did much better than on the court. Bob Pugh coached the Hockey team to a successful season of exhibition games. With our entrance into the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Conference next year we anticipate a most exciting season. Bob Hamilton, this year's shining defenceman was named the team's "Most Valuable Player".

CURLING

Also on the ice but off the Athletic schedule of the College, a rink from Macdonald won the Montreal Intercollegiate Championship. This is the first attempt at Curling to be made here, and it is hoped that next year this will be a recognized sport on the Campus.

SPORTSMAN TROPHY

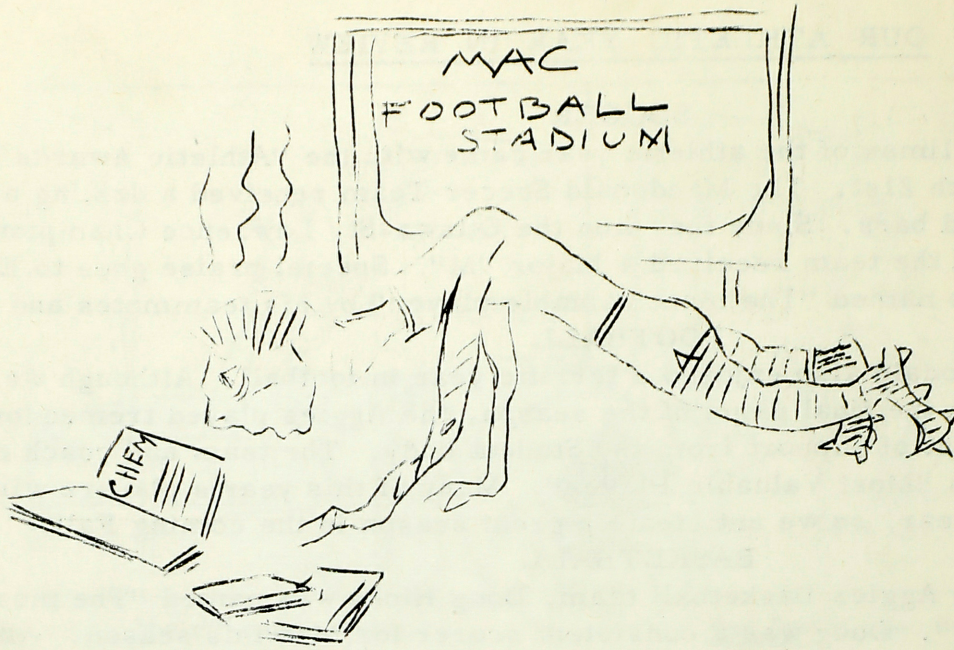
The "Walter M. Stewart Sportsman Trophy" was won this year by Bob Hamilton. Bob was president of the Men's Athletic Association and proved to be an enthusiastic promoter of both Major and Interclass sports. He was on the Football and Hockey Teams, winning a Major "M" in both sports. Congratulations, Bob, for a job well done.

INTERCLASS SPORTS

In the Interclass sports, the Freshmen, class of '60, won the Interclass Shield. Although they won only the swimming meet and the Badminton Doubles, they placed in one of the first three positions in almost every other position. This consistency proved to be enough to take the shield from the class of '59, last year's winners. Congrats, Freshmen!

DETERMINED TO WIN NEXT YEAR

Looking ahead to next year, Bob Pugh has the fellows training for football already. During this week and next he will be holding several training sessions. These include basic fundamentals and callisthenics. Quite a number have been turning out so it looks like a good football season will be in store for us next fall.



Getting in shape !!

SPACE ENOUGH !!

Two ladies who had not seen each other for a long time met on the street.

"Oh, Mary", said one of them excitedly, "I've had such a lot happen to me since last I saw you. I had all my teeth out and, do you know, I've had an electric stove and a lovely modern refrigerator put in."

As the aged farmer grabbed a horse by the tail he was heard to murmur

THIS IS THE END

